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ETHIOPIA

OPERATIONS COMMAND CLAIMS CAPTURE OF DAGAHABUR, OTHER TOWN

LD081850Y Addis Ababa Domestic Service in Amharic 1718 GMT 8 Mar 78 LD/EA

[Statement by National Revolution Operations Command]

[Excerpt] Your vanguard forces, accelerating their progress and facing the enemy's army with absolute determination, and having thus routed part of it and chased the other part away as if it were an antelope facing a hunter, have scored additional victories today. Today, 8 March 1978, at 1130, they liberated and brought under control the strategic town of (Fiki), south of Jijiga, and at 1530 the town of Dagahabur, the place where our heroic fathers resisting colonialism fought face-to-face against invading Italian fascist troops long ago. [playing of martial music follows]

Today's victory is additional but not final, so it will not make us jubilant, absent-minded or proud, but rather will serve to reinforce us in the forthcoming bitter struggle.

We shall advance toward final victory, paying the whole cost of the struggle, for there is no victory without sacrifice, we have no doubt whatsoever that a people's war in which the broad masses fully participate will be victorious.

Revolutionary mother [as heard] or death.

The struggle of the Ethiopian oppressed masses is part of the struggle of the world's oppressed masses.

Long live proletarian internationalism!

The broad masses will win!

SIDAMO FARMERS KILL, WOUND SOMALI LOOTERS, SIEZE WEAPONS

LD081314Y Addis Ababa Domestic Service in Amharic 1800 GMT 7 Mar 78 LD/EA

[Summary] The farmers of Adola Subdistrict, Sidamo Region, have killed 4 and wounded over 20 Somali soldiers who were looting and destroying people's property. The farmers seized one antitank gun and many bazooka shells and retrieved several thousand head of stolen cattle.

MENGISTU ADDRESSES WOMEN'S DAY RALLY IN ADDIS ABABA

LD081240Y Addis Ababa Domestic Service in English 1015 GMT 8 Mar 78 LD/EA

[Text] Comrade Lt Col Mengistu Haile Mariam, chairman of the PMAC [Provisional Military Administrative Council] today said that those who were sincerely opposed to exploitation, oppression [and] discrimination based on race, religion or sex should fight for, and put their weight behind, the socialist ideal.

The comrade chairman was addressing a huge rally at Abyotawi [Revolution] Square in Addis Ababa on the occasion of International Women's Day.

The 68th anniversary of International Women's Day was celebrated nationwide for the third time in revolutionary Ethiopia with a variety of programs underscoring the revolutionary gains and aspirations of the (?world's) oppressed and the neglected masses of Ethiopian womanhood.

The colorful cermony was also attended by comrades from fraternal socialist countries, PMAC members, government officials, members of the diplomatic corps, representatives of international organizations, as well as thousands of women, workers, farmers and youths.

Comrade Lieutenant Colonel Mengistu told the cheering crowd that International Women's Day symbolized the historic stage reached by oppressed women in their determined and courageous efforts to play their proper role alongside the oppressed (?workers) in the international struggle for the cause of peace, democracy and socialism. Recalling the valiant roles played in the past by courageous individuals [words indistinct] the legitimate demands of oppressed women of the world, the PMAC chairman pointed out that woman that woman can be freed of oppression only when the community as a whole undergoes a fundamental change and attains total freedom under socialist order.

Comrade Mengistu's speech was preceded by a series of speeches in which the significance of the event was underlined by representatives of the provisional office for mass organizational affairs [words indistinct] of the Soviet Union and Cuba.

Meanwhile, tribute was paid at the celebration of International Women's Day to the late Comrade Werner Lamberz, member of the Political Bureau and secretary of the Central Committee of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany.

CUBAN SOURCES SAY FOREIGN MINISTER TO VISIT ETHIOPIA

OW090857Y Hong Kong AFP in English 0850 GMT 9 Mar 78 OW

[Text] Havana, Mar 9, (AFP)--Cuban External Relations Minister Isidoro Malmierca will pay an official visit to Ethiopia on March 12, sources said here.

There was no immediate official confirmation.

The sources said that the Cuban leader's visit to Addis Ababa would be made during a tour of several capitals, including Moscow, Baghdad and Rome.

It would be the first visit by a Cuban minister to the Ethiopian capital, and the first official visit by a Cuban leader to Ethiopia since the March 1977 one, by head of state Fidel Castro.

PART OF OAU REPORT DEALING WITH ETHIOPIA REJECTED

LD082014Y Addis Ababa in English to Neighboring Countries 1730 GMT 8 Mar 78 LD/EA

[Text] Speaking on the outcome of the 8-day OAU ministerial meeting in Tripoli, Ato Berhanu Dinka, of the African and Middle East Department in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, said here that Ethiopia had rejected a part of the annual report of the OAU secretary general dealing with Ethiopia.

He said the Ethiopian delegation objected to suggestions made by the Arab League that it was willing to cooperate with the OAU on the basis of the (?league's) resolution concerning relations between Ethiopia and Somalia. Ato Birhanu said that Ethiopia's objection was based on the argument that it cannot accept the resolution of an organization of which it is not a member and which was also taken in its absence. He pointed out that the Ethiopian delegation tried in vain to have the item deleted but the chairman of the meeting used all kinds of pressure to retain the resolution.

Asked about the reaction of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to a remark by the Kenyan acting foreign minister who had said that his government was not going to allow foreign dignitaries passing through Nairobi to use the hospitality of Kenya as a platform of attacking other countries, Ato Birhanu noted that the Kenyan official was referring to a press conference given recently in Nairobi by Comrade Major Berhanu Baye, member of the PMAC in charge of foreign affairs. He stated that Ethiopia views the remark with great concern and sadness. Ato Berhanu recalled that the statement given by Comrade Major Berhanu was in the interest of the Ethiopian and Kenyan peoples and was aimed at exposing the designs of the reactionary Mogadiscio ruling classes.

EPRP LEADING MEMBER 'LIQUIDATED,' ANOTHER COMMITS SUICIDE

LD081316Y Addis Ababa Domestic Service in Amharic 0400 GMT 8 Mar 78 LD/EA

[Summary] Two leading members of the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Party were liquidated in Angei locality in the Wolliso Subdistrict of Chebo and Gurage District [in Shawa Region] on 6 March. Ahmed Jemal committed suicide to avoid arrest. Kifle Jemal was apprehended and a red terror measure taken against him.

KENYA

KENYA GOVERNMENT CONDEMNS RHODESIAN ATTACK ON ZAMBIA

LD081804Y Nairobi Domestic Service in English 1600 GMT 8 Mar 78 LD/EA

[Text] The Kenya Government has condemned the racist regime in Rhodesia in the strongest terms of attacking Zambia. The government has reacted sharply with utter dismay and indignation on reports that rebel Rhodesian troops yesterday carried out an unprovoked attack against Zambia using destructive warplanes and ground troops. In a strongly-worded statement, the government reminded rebel Ian Smith and his henchmen that such senseless behavior, would not deter the freedom fighters from their noble cause to free the Zimbabwe people from the colonial yoke. The government said the attack was an affront to the dignity of the people of Africa and a potential threat to world peace.

The government extended its sympathy and solidarity to the government and the people of Zambia during this critical period in the struggle for freedom in Zimbabwe. The government has made it clear to the racist regime and their imperialistic supporters that they are fighting a losing battle.

SOMALIA

SOMALI MISSION IN GENEVA ISSUES COMMUNIQUE ON JIJIGA

NC081213Y Paris AFP in English 1153 GMT 8 Mar 78 NC

[Text] Geneva, March 8 (AFP)--Western Somalia Liberation Front (WSLF) forces routed combined Soviet, Cuban and other allies forces in their attack on the strategic town of Jijiga in Ethiopia's Ogaden region, it was reported here today.

The Somalia permanent mission to the United Nations here said: "It is true that a surprise armed attack to capture the town of Jijiga was launched last weekend by the combined Russian, Cuban and other allied forces in the name of the Addis Ababa regime.

"In fulfilment of its objective, the enemy forces have deployed a large number of tanks, missiles and other sophisticated armaments in order to capture the town of Jijiga and subsequently launch an armed invasion against the territory of the Somali Democratic Republic. The victorious WSLF did not only repulse the invading forces of the enemy but they have inflicted heavy losses... With many of them either dead or fleeing for the safety of their lives."

The communique added: "The Western Somalia Liberation Front is now in full control over the Ogaden including the town of Jijiga and other strategic positions surrounding the town of Harar."

SOMALI LIBERATION FRONT ADMITS JIJIGA EVACUATED

NC081851Y Paris AFP in English 1845 GMT 8 Mar 78 NC

[Text] Nairobi, March 8 (AFP)--The Western Somali Liberation Front today admitted its forces have evacuated the strategic town of Jijiga in face of an Ethiopian counter-offensive.

A WSLF spokesman, speaking on Mogadiscio Radio monitored here, said that WLSF forces had been forced to evacuate [words indistinct] mountains north of Jijiga after a very strong attack by Soviet and Cuban troops.

WLSF leaders and Somali authorities had so far denied the fall of the town, which Ethiopia said it overran last Sunday.

The WLSF spokesman said the Soviet and Cuban troops had very modern weapons, particularly artillery, tanks and war planes.

MOGADISCIO COMMENTS ON SIAD BARRE'S 7 MAR SPEECH

LD082100Y Mogadiscio Domestic Service in Somali 1700 GMT 8 Mar 78 LD/EA

[Abdullahi Shaykh Husayn Commentary]

[Text] Yesterday the Somali Revolutionary Socialist Party [SRSP] secretary general and president of the Somali Democratic Republic [SDR], Challe Muhammad Siad Barre, gave a historic speech concerning the conflict in the Horn of Africa to the general public who had gathered at Mogadiscio Hall to celebrate events, including sports days, the fight against illiteracy and International Women's Day. Our commentary written by Abdullahi Shaykh Husayn is on this subject: Challe Siad Barre's speech yesterday was an (?important) one which fully and objectively assessed the political realities and the dangerous situation that the conflict in the Horn of Africa has created. Challe Siad Barre declared that the liberation fronts of Western Somalia and Abo have crushed and defeated Abyssinian colonialism and that they have regained their motherland by force.

However, Challe Siad Barre said it was unfortunate that foreign forces have intervened in the fighting between the liberation fronts and the Abyssinian colonialists. Challe Siad Barre said: Today the colonialists are being supported by people whom we previously regarded as--and who themselves claimed to be--defenders of human rights and the goals of the freedom fighters: justice and world peace.

Challe Siad Barre was referring to the Russians, who have always argued that they adhere to the principles which uphold the right of all peoples to self-determination. Challe Siad Barre also disclosed the existence of a joint conspiracy involving the USSR and the U.S. to destroy the freedom fighters. He said it was unfortunate that those who were responsible for keeping world peace have mutually agreed on injustice, adding that world peace will never be achieved until all peoples are given the right to self-determination.

The SRSP secretary general said that the USSR, the U.S. and their followers, deliberately ignoring the fact that the fighting was between the Abyssinians and the liberation movements, have persisted in making the baseless and totally untrue allegations that the SDR has invaded Ethiopia. Challe Siad Barre said that the SDR is being threatened and (?compelled) to stop the moral and material support it is giving to the Somali people fighting for their independence and self-determination. However, he added: Despite the fact that the superpowers--USSR and U.S.--conspired together, the SDR will never under any circumstances give up supporting the oppressed peoples struggling for their rights and it will not be cowed by the manifest maneuvers aimed at (?dominating) it.

(?In the fact) of the intransigence of the enemies, Challe Siad Barre called on the Somali people to brace themselves for a long and bitter struggle with fortitude and courage. He told them that they are assured of victory so long as they are fighting for a just cause. Challe Siad Barre recalled the saying that it was the broom and not the pavement that would eventually wear out; it is possible that a town is attacked and buildings are captured, but no party can curb or extinguish the fire of freedom sweeping across the Horn of Africa. No party can reimpose colonialism, slavery and (?oppression) on a people who have witnessed and breathed the mercy of freedom.

While Challe Siad Barre was going on with his speech, people were chanting: victory or death; victory or death; we are at war; take us to the battlefront; down with the imperialism of the Russians and their Cuban lackeys.

TANZANIA

NYERERE ADDRESSES TANZANIA'S DIPLOMATIC OFFICERS

LD081848Y Dar es Salaam in English to East Africa 1600 GMT 8 Mar 78 LD/EA

[Text] Arusha--President Nyerere today opened the fourth meeting of Tanzania's ambassadors and high commissioners with a background briefing on the aftermath of the collapse of the East African Community [EAC]. In his speech, Mwalimu also briefed the envoys on the southern African situation and the conflict in the Horn of Africa.

The 12-day meeting at the conference hall of the defunct EAC headquarters in Arusha is to discuss three issues Mwalimu gave during his opening briefing. The envoys will also discuss Tanzania's political and economic development including a range of other international issues. President Nyerere is expected to take part in the discussions tomorrow.

After his opening speech, the president who arrived in Arusha yesterday for a 3-day visit, toured the community's headquarters complex.

Meanwhile the Foreign Minister of the People's Republic of Mozambique Ndugu Chissano, arrives in Arusha on Monday at the head of a 12-man delegation to attend the meeting.

The meeting is being chaired by the minister for foreign affairs, Ndugu Nenjamin Mkapa.

UN NAMIBIA COUNCIL ARRIVES IN DAR ES SALAAM

LD081914Y Dar es Salaam in English to East Africa 1600 GMT 8 Mar 78 LD/EA

[Text] Dar es Salaam--A mission of the UN Council for Namibia has arrived in Dar es Salaam for talks with government leaders. It is among the three missions of the council sent to African governments for consultative talks on the scope and content of the council's forthcoming Lusaka meeting, and a special session later this year of the General Assembly on Namibia.

The four-member mission, led by the council's deputy chairman, Ndugu (Sikaulwa) of Zambia, flies to Arusha tomorrow to meet President Nyerere and the foreign minister, Ndugu Mkapa.

The mission leaves on Saturday for Maputo and Lusaka. The other missions of the council will visit Gabon, Algeria, Nigeria, Angola, Botswana and Zambia before the council's extraordinary sessions to be held in Lusaka from the 20th of this month.

UGANDA

RWANDAN PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA ENDS UGANDAN VISIT

LD031158Y Kampala Domestic Service in English 1000 GMT 3 Mar 78 LD/EA

[Summary] President Habyarimana of Rwanda has left Uganda after a 4-day official visit. He was seen off at Entebbe airport by President Amin.

AMIN BLAMES SMUGGLERS FOR FUEL SHORTAGE IN NILE PROVINCE

LD051638Y Kampala Domestic Service in English 0400 GMT 5 Mar 78 LD/EA

[Text] President Amin has strongly warned the people of Nile Province to immediately stop smuggling petrol and diesel to neighboring countries. Dr Amin gave the warning when he visited the governor of Nile Province, Captain Odong, at Arua.

He said that petrol and diesel allocated to the province must be used within the province and not be smuggled outside. He directed the governor of Nile Province, Captain Odong, to thoroughly check on those black marketeers who smuggle petrol and diesel to neighboring countries.

Al-Haj Amin pointed out that if such culprits are found out they must face the consequences, because they are responsible for the mysterious disappearance of both petrol and diesel in Nile Province. He added that as the result of this malpractice, should there be shortages of both petrol and diesel in the province, the people there should not complain, because these items are distributed equally throughout the province.

NIGERIA

LAGOS COMMENTS ON INAUGURATION OF LABOR CONGRESS

LD081146Y Lagos International Service in English 0730 GMT 8 Mar 78 LD

[Station commentary]

[Text] The Nigerian Labor Congress, the only central trade union body allowed by law, was inaugurated in Ibadan, Oyo State, a few days ago. In commentary, (Shina Idowu), a writer on national affairs, examines this development which is part of the government's measures to give the country a virile trade union organization:

The inauguration of the Nigerian Labor Congress in Ibadan marks an important milestone in the efforts of the federal military government to reorganize the labor movement in Nigeria. In the past there were as many as four central labor organizations in this country. They were the United Labor Congress, the Nigerian Trade Union Congress, the Labor Unity Front and the Nigerian Workers' Council. The four bodies controlled the activities of as many as 277 trade unions. Many of these mushroom unions were so small that they found it difficult to sustain their existence since they were usually formed hurriedly during industrial crises in different companies. This proliferation of trade unions and the lack of effective central control made a mockery of trade unions in this country.

Although several attempts had been made over the years to unify the four central labor movements, the efforts met with no success. The inability of the union leaders to come to terms with each other was caused considerably by external forces which financed each group. Apart from cutthroat rivalry among the four trade unions, corruption was also rife in the leadership cadres. Set against this background, it was not surprising that there was popular reaction when the present government decided to clean up the messy situation which had long been overdue. When the report of the tribunal of inquiry into trade union activities was released, the Federal Government and many well-meaning Nigerians realized that only drastic measures could save trade unionism in the country. Decree No 44, 1976, was therefore promulgated, which among other things proscribed the four central labor organizations and made provision for the eventual formation of a single powerful central labor organization. Last year the government followed up by proscribing the existing 277 trade unions and merged them into 71 industrial unions, all of which should be affiliated to the central labor organization.

To remove the interference of external forces which manipulated the Nigerian labor movement for their own economic, political or ideological interest, the government banned the unionists from receiving foreign subventions. One can only hope that even with this step and the emergence of a single labor union, none of the trade union officers would serve as an agent of foreign interests.

One very important feature of the constitution of the Nigerian Labor Congress, which was ratified by the national conference after a lot of controversy, was the provision that the president shall be appointed on a full-time basis. This provision is no doubt desirable as it will enable the president to devote all his energies and attention to the task of developing the ideals of trade unionism.

This augurs well for making the Nigerian Labor Congress, a dynamic force to be reckoned with in the political and economic affairs of the nation. The former practice of appointing part-time presidents, who in some cases had their fingers in many pies, some of which might not be compatible with his office as the trade union president, is not ideal for the future.

The experiment we have just carried out by forming a central labor organization is by no means peculiar to Nigeria. This is the trend now in many African countries. Also many advanced nations of the world (?want) central labor organizations. In some cases attempts have been made by the political leadership to lure the labor leaders into compromising the workers' interests. Also some labor leaders have been asked by the workers to pursue impossible demands. However, in every case a high quality of leadership has proved helpful to the workers in the nations concerned. Those who will run the affairs of the Central Labor Union in Nigeria have many lessons to learn from this.

SENEGAL

OPPOSITION PARTY DEMANDS ANNULMENT OF ELECTIONS

PA062010Y Paris AFP in French 1542 GMT 6 Mar 78 PA

[Text] Dakar, 6 Mar (AFP)--The Senagalese Democratic Party (PDS) has filed a request for an annulment of the presidential election of 26 February with the Supreme Court. The PDS, the major legal opposition party in Senegal, has asked the court to order a new vote count during the 10 days following its decision.

PDS Secretary Ceneral Abdoulaye Wade was the only challenger of Leopold Sedar Senghor, president of the republic and secretary general of the Socialist Party (PS), in the presidential election. According to a provisional vote count, Wade garnered 169,672 ballots against Senghor's 800,882.

The PDS said that its main reason for filing the petition is that "voting was public" because the government stated that using the voting booth was "optional." The request adds that, therefore, there was a "violation of article 2 of the Constitution" of Senegal which provides that "suffrage is always universal, equal and secret." "Voters did not have freedom of choice," it adds, because they were watched by administrative authorities and PS leaders "who were present at the polls."

The petition adds that during the vote count, either the presidents of the polling precincts or "PS militants who had invaded the polls" handed "either PS green ballots or already filled envelopes" to voters.

As additional reasons for the petition, the PDS claims "multiple registrations," "multiple votes" by the same persons and other fraudulent acts. It also complains of expulsions of its representatives from polling places.

The PDS demands that the general director [ordinateur central] of the Electoral Registry be consulted in order to disclose the multiple votes. It demands that reports be requested from the Bureau of Investigations and the police who observed the vote count as well as an investigation before the presidents of polling places, representatives of party delegates, [word indistinct] the conditions under which the vote count took place, and, lastly, the appointment of a commission of experts to resume the computation of results.

The Supreme Court has 10 days to rule on the request, beginning March 4, the date of its filing. Probably, out of respect for the court, no new government will be formed until it issues its ruling.

ANGOLA

DEFENSE MINISTRY ACCUSES S. AFRICA OF AIRSPACE VIOLATIONS

LD081130Y Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0600 GMT 8 May 78 LD/EA

[Text] Violations of Angolan territory by the South African forces continue. This was announced by the Ministry of Defense yesterday in a communique signed by the minister, Comrade Iko Carreira.

The most recent enemy actions in our territory [words indistinct] number three:

On 1 February a South African plane penetrated our national airspace as far as [name indistinct] in Huila Province.

On the 7th of the same month another South African plane penetrated Angolan airspace as far as the town of Caiundo, in Cuando-Cubango Province.

Finally, on 14 February a South African plane entered national airspace [words indistinct] and toward Caiundo [words indistinct].

These actions all took place (?this year).

CUBAN FISHING INDUSTRY MINISTER ARRIVES IN LUANDA

FL082240Y Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 2214 GMT 8 Mar 78 FL

[Text] Cuban Minister of the Fishing Industry and PCC Central Committee member Anibal Velaz Suarez arrived today in Luanda on an official visit. At the airport, Velaz Suarez was received by Angola's Minister of Fisheries Antonio da Costa Lopes Camara. The Cuban delegation is also composed of fishing industry Vice Minister Aldo Margolles and other officials of the sector.

Soon after arriving in Luanda, Anibal Velaz met with his Angolan counterpart Lopes Camara to exchange viewpoints on the development of Cuban-Angolan cooperation in the field of fisheries. Present at the talks were Cuban Ambassador Manuel Agramonte and Cuban Embassy economic counselor (Milian Maturce).

The governments of Cuba and Angola have signed several protocols on cooperation in different economic, cultural, scientific and technical branches.

MALAWI

PRESIDENT BANDA SPEAKS IN PARLIAMENT ON BUDGET SURPLUS

LD081116Y Blantyre Domestic Service in English 1600 GMT 7 Mar 78 LD/CA

[Excerpts] His excellency the life president, Ngwazi Dr Kamuzu Banda, told parliament today that this year Malawi balanced its recurrent budget and has a surplus on the budget. The life president was speaking when he opened the budget session of the house in Zomba. His excellency reminded the house that he had told last year's budget session that Malawi had a deficit on its recurrent budget for the first time in many years. He also said that later the minister of finance reported to him that the news of the deficit had been a false alarm and that the government had actually been able to balance its budget.

His excellency the life president said that from what can be seen Malawi is likely to have a better year by this time next year. He said this country's wealth comes from the soil, and if the rains continue as they have been so far, there will be more yields this year.

From tomorrow the house will start debating the life president's speech, and on Friday, 17 March the minister of finance, Mr Dick Matenje will present his budget statement.

RHODESIA

SPOKESMAN SAYS ACTION IN ZAMBIA 'ENTIRELY MILITARY'

LD081250Y Salisbury Domestic Service in English 1115 GMT 8 Mar 78 LD/CA

[Text] Referring to the raid on Luangwa in Zambia, a government spokesman told the RBC today that the decision to cross the border was entirely military. The spokesman said the security forces were acting on their own information and, while they try to keep the government informed, the details of military actions are firmly under their control. He said the security forces conduct of the running of the war is entirely free from political interference.

SALISBURY REPORTS 11 MORE TERRORISTS KILLED

LD091102Y Salisbury Domestic Service in English 1745 GMT 8 Mar 78 LD/CA

[Text] A communique issued by combined operations headquarters reports that the soldier killed in action and reported in the communique last night was trooper Frank Paul (Batalia) of Salisbury, who was 32 years of age and married. His next of kin hav been informed. During the past 24 hours security forces have killed 11 terrorists. A tribesman has been murdered by terrorists and four others killed by terrorist-initiated crossfire. In the western operational area, security forces have arrested a black civilian posing as a terrorist who was allegedly responsible for a number of robberies in the tribal trust lands. Some property has been recovered.

SOUTH AFRICA

LIFE IN KATATURA RETURNS TO NORMAL FOLLOWING TRIBAL CLASHES

LD081310Y Johannesburg International Service in English 1100 GMT 8 Mar 78 LD

[Text] Life has returned to normal in the troubled black township of Katatura outside Windhoek, where there were repeated clashes between Vambo and Herero groups during the past week. For the first time this morning black workers who have been on strike began returning to their jobs. One of the conditions set by the strikers for a return to work was that Vambos living in the township's single quarters be moved to Katatura's Vambo hostel, and the necessary arrangements are already being made. Meanwhile the body of another black man has been found, bring the death toll from the fighting to 12.

Earlier the chief minister of the northern territory of Ovambo, Pastor Ndjoba, accused SWAPO militants of being behind the political violence.

STEYN WILL NOT BAR SWAPO FROM TAKING PART IN ELECTIONS

ID082155Y Johannesburg International Service in English 2100 GMT 8 Mar 78 ID

[Text] The administrator general for South-West Africa, Mr Justice Steyn, says he will not prevent SWAPO at this stage to take part in the political process in the territory. Mr Justice Steyn says the current [word indistinct] provide for opportunities for all political parties, including SWAPO, to take part in the proposed elections for a constitutent assembly.

Speaking on a radio program this evening, Mr Justice Steyn said severe action will be taken against any party using violence in an attempt to achieve victory. The judge said that because there was uncertainty about the actual objectives of SWAPO, he had asked internal leaders of the organization what their objectives were. He is still waiting for a reply.

SOUTH AFRICAN RADIO EXTENDS PROGRAMMING IN LOZI

ID061208Y Johannesburg International Service in English 1100 GMT 5 Mar 78 ID

[Text] Radio RSA has extended the broadcasting time of its Lozi service, which is beamed to Eastern Caprivi and Zambia. These areas will now receive programs for 7 hours instead of three 3 and 1/2 hours a day. The administrator-general of South-West Africa, Mr Justice M.T. Steyn, has welcomed the move, saying that because of its physical isolation from South-West Africa, Eastern Caprivi is in need of reliable sources of information about developments in the territory. He also said that because the Lozi programs could be heard outside South-West Africa it could have an important effect on the strategic and politically important parts of southern Africa.

BILL ON ATOMIC ENERGY INFORMATION PUBLISHED

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[Text] A bill has been published in Cape Town giving the government more scope to control information relating to nuclear power. The atomic energy amendment bill determines that no one may provide anyone inside or outside South Africa with information about nuclear matters without consent from the minister of mines and the Nuclear Energy Board. The bill also states that the minister does not have to give reasons for withholding information if he feels that it's in the interests of South Africa.

ZAMBIA

BBC TV PROGRAM CARRIES U.S. INTERVIEW WITH NKOMO

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[Interview with Joshua Nkomo, Patriotic Front coleader, in New York by satellite, conducted by Denis Tuohy on the "Tonight" program--recorded]

[Text] [Tuohy] The major African news story of the day centers on Rhodesia. Salisbury has admitted that Ian Smith's army has carried out another major raid across Rhodesia's border, this time into neighboring Zambia.

The Rhodesians say that they were simply preempting a strike by guerrillas of the Patriotic Front, whose coleader, Dr Joshua Nkomo, spoke to me earlier from New York, where he is attending the UN Security Council debate on Ian Smith's internal settlement attempt.

[Question] Mr Nkomo, do you believe that there can be useful talks in New York involving yourself and Mr Mubage of the Patriotic Front plus American and British representatives and the black leaders who have agreed to the internal settlement?

[Answer] Well, first I do not know what you mean by internal settlement. What has happened really in Salisbury is that Bishop Muzorewa, Sithole and Chirau have agreed to join Smith in his UDI.

[Question] Well, as I understand it there is a prospect that they might be meeting with you in New York plus, as I say, the American and British foreign secretary and Mr Andrew Young to talk about it. Is there a prospect of useful talks involving all of you?

[Answer] No, as far as I know is that we met in Malta and we adjourned and were to meet again. And we are still waiting on the British to summon that meeting.

[Question] So in fact the reports that there might be a meeting in New York are so far without substance?

[Answer] They are without substance, and I know nothing about them.

[Question] What is it about--essentially--about the internal settlement, apart from the fact that the Patriotic Front were not represented in those talks, what is it essentially about that settlement that you object to?

[Answer] Well, first you, the British, said that Smith's is an illegal regime, and I do not see an arrangement that could be made by Smith and anybody without the British. So what has happened is that Bishop Muzorewa, Reverend Sithole and Chirau have agreed to join Smith (?in what) one expects that you people regarded as an illegal act.

[Question] But I think that the point is that they seem to have joined him in a process which would lead to majority rule and that is what I think many people in this country, perhaps, seem to know is a goal that many people aspired to for a long time.

[Answer] No, I think that many people know that they have done no such thing. What has happened is this: that they have agreed that there will be a house of a 100 with 72 black people elected by black people, 28 white people elected by white people, except the 8 within the 28 will be members of the... in fact be appointed by the Rhodesian front. And that the 28 have the power of veto on anything that matters. And that the real state power, that is the army, the police, the civil service and the judiciary, remain firmly in the hands of a minority. And therefore there can be no majority rule without the instruments of majority control of state power. It means 72 helpless men who are dependent on a machinery that is controlled by a minority. You cannot call that majority rule, can you?

[Question] Well, Mr Nkomo, there have been reports today on another point--and a very urgent point--of Rhodesia and Rhodesian ground troops with air support launching a major attack into Zambia killing, it is reported, 38 guerrilla fighters and losing only 1 man of their own. What do you know about this attack?

[Answer] Well, you know Smith has been attacking neighboring territories. Last week he attacked and killed in [Butana], and if this is so, he is attacking Zambia. And this is a man who is supposed to be a man of peace, a man who has arrived to some agreement. And there he is conducting aggression against neighboring territories, launching these attacks on Zambia and killing Zambians.

[Question] Reports have suggested that this may well be a preemptive strike against Zimbabwe guerrilla fighters operating from Zambia. What do you say to that?

[Answer] Well, if he was attacking guerrilla fighters, the guerrilla fighters are in Zimbabwe. He does not have to go to Zambia to attack Zambians. According to the report from Zambia, he has attacked the Zambians, the Zambian Army.

[Question] Well, as far as you are concerned, you are reported as having said to NEWSWEEK magazine that your guerrilla fighters are receiving all necessary support from the socialist countries and the Soviet Union as well as Cuba. Have you got Soviet and Cuban forces or troops on the ground with you?

[Answer] Oh nonsense, I understand there have been suggestions that I said that we are going to be supported by the Cubans or the Soviets. Now look, I say and I have said several times that we fight our own wars; we do not ask other people to fight our wars. So we are fighting our own wars. No Cubans, no Soviets. The Zimbabweans. And I think you know it and everybody knows it. What we have done, we have sought arms from where we can get them. We have sought them from the West and we have sought them from the East. We failed to get them from the West.

BRIEFS

ANGOLAN-CSSR TRADE TALKS--A Czechoslovak delegation led by that country's deputy foreign trade minister held a meeting with Angolan officials in Luanda yesterday. The talks are expected to lead to the signing of an agreement on scientific, economic and technical cooperation. [Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0600 GMT 8 Mar 78 LD/EA]

ANGOLAN-GDR COOPERATION--Angola and the GDR have concluded a protocol agreement on cooperation in higher education. The protocol was signed in Luanda yesterday by the Angolan deputy education minister and the GDR deputy higher and technical education minister. Under the agreement, lecturers from Berlin's Humboldt University will be seconded to Luanda University, and the GDR will help set up the new Luanda Institute of Planning and Administration. [Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0600 GMT 8 Mar 78 LD/EA]

RICE PRODUCTION IN MADAGASCAR--Antananarivo, Feb 25--Madagascar's rice production last year increased 7 percent, 157,000 tonnes, compared to the year before, it was learnt here today. Production totaled 2.2 million tonnes of unhusked rice, the Development Ministry said. [Paris AFP in English 1141 GMT 25 Feb 78 PA]

MOZAMBIQUE-GDR RADIO COOPERATION--Talks ended in Maputo today between a delegation from the State Council of the GDR Broadcasting Service headed by the director of Radio Berlin International and a delegation from Radio Mozambique. The talks, which took place in an atmosphere of great frankness and cordiality, concerned the implementation of the cooperation agreement signed between the two radio organizations in May 1977. The delegation from the State Council of the Broadcasting Service will remain in our country for a few days in order to have firsthand knowledge of our situation. [Text] [Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese 1700 GMT 7 Mar 78 LD/EA]

NIGERIAN DRAFT CONSTITUTION--The Constituent Assembly yesterday accepted an amendment in the draft constitution that all legislative houses in post-military administration are to have a life span of 4 years; the period shall commence from the day a legislative house holds its inaugural meeting following an election into the house. The assembly also passed an amendment providing for a joint session of the National Assembly to resolve any deadlock that may arise from a meeting of a joint committee of both houses. It also approved the setting up of such a committee to resolve any differences between the two houses over an appropriation bill. [Text] [Lagos International Service in English 0830 GMT 8 Mar 78 LD]

UGANDAN-RWANDAN AGREEMENT SIGNED--Uganda and Rwanda have signed a trade agreement aimed at enhancing and developing their commercial relations. The agreement was signed at Nile Mansion on behalf of the two countries by the Uganda minister of commerce, Capt Noah Mohamed, and Rwandese minister of finance and economy, Mr Ntirugirimbabazi. According to the agreement, both countries will accord each other facilities of (?transit) for all goods coming from or going to the other in accordance with respective rules and regulations. The agreement will remain in force for 2 years, but will automatically be renewed after expiry. [Kampala Domestic Service in English 1900 GMT 3 Mar 78 LD/EA]

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